(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Offers of defence equipment received from foreign firms, including those based in the USA, are thoroughly assessed by the Government from all aspects including their suitability from the technological/ operational angles, before a decision is taken for their induction in to the Armed Forces. The Government is taking adequate measures to ensure that the defence requirements of the country are fully met.

Export of Jaggery

829. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of jaggery in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the efforts made by the Government to boost its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) For the year 1991–92, a quantity of 10,000 tonnes of jaggery has been released for export.

STATEMENT

Estimated State-wise production of jaggery (including Khandsari)

('000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85**	1985-86**	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	664	780	647	638	487	420	259
2.	Assam	146	174	68	181	233	170	179
3.	Bihar	87	Neg	—	88	177	83	Neg
4.	Haryana	286	320	289	330	308	287	298
5.	Karnataka	771	656	739	752	755	606	671
6.	Maharashtra	272	Neg	83	546	235	Neg	Neg
7.	Madhya Pradesh	74	41	41	117	70	92	120
8.	Punjab	84	382	413	315	299	294	293
9.	Tamil Nadu	1219	996	690	710	919	1101	1138

('000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85**	1985-86**	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.	Uttar Pradesh	4241	4310	4911	4955	4693	4701	4637
11.	Other State*	508	391	684	809	806	587	336

* Relates to Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Kerala, Delhi, Tripura, Daman & Diu, Mizoram amd Pondicherry.

** Estimated

(Source: Indian Sugar year Book 1988-89 (Vol. I) published by Indian Sugar Mills Association)